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Notes and News.

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Church Calendar matter should be sent direct to the Printers, Herald Office, Cavendish Works, Ashton-under-Lyne, to save time.

WANTED.—Annual Vols. 1, 2, 3. In answer to appeal in last issue for copies of these volumes there has been only one response. One copy of Vol. 1, is the sole result.

Here is evidence of broadmindedness in the old town of Nantwich. Mr. D. M. Ross, of the Willaston School teaching staff, who is Treasurer of the Unitarian Chapel, represents that chapel on the Committee of the Wesleyan Fellowship, and has preached for the Baptists and the Primitive Methodists.

Owing to increased cost of paper and printing and binding the cheapest Bible produced before the war by the Bible Society at the cost of sevenpence cannot now be produced for less than half-a-crown. This illustrates the difficulties of our own publishing Associations and their need for greater support by their own Unitarian public, also the struggle of Unitarian papers and periodicals to keep going. Are Unitarians sufficiently alive to their duty?

A united service of young people from our Cheshire churches at Altrincham, Knutsford, Sale, and Hale, has recently been held at Hale.

The Congregation of Chapel Lane Chapel, Bradford, is making a strong appeal in aid of a Bazaar to raise £1,500 to pay for a minister's house and for other requirements.

The Bicentenary of the Mary Street Unitarian Chapel, Taunton was celebrated on Sept. 7 and 8.

A United District Meeting of the S.E. Wales Unitarian Women's League was held at Cardiff, September 15th.

Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, of Boston, Mass., U.S.A., was the preacher at our Ullet Road Church, Liverpool, Sept. 18.

Professor J. Estlin Carpenter and Dr. W. Copelan Bowie make an earnest appeal in our weeklies urging our Churches to join the League of Nations' Union, and the World Alliance for Promoting International Fellowship through the Churches.

Mr. H. M. Williams, treasurer of the American Unitarian Association, has been on a visit to this country, and has addressed some Unitarian meetings concerning the American Laymen's League.

Rev. J. H. Weatherall, M.A., of our Essex Church, London, is now a University Extension Lecturer.

The new Editor of "The Sunday School Monthly" is the Rev. J. H. Ewbank, B.A., B.D., of Padiham.

The Modernist Divines who spoke out so boldly on the human character of Jesus at the recent Cambridge Conference take refuge as Anglicans in that ambiguous word the "Divinity" of Jesus.

The Laymen's League is organising a series of meetings in various parts of the country.

Mr. D. R. Llewellyn has given £500 to the Old Meeting House, Aberdare, to be invested in support of the minister.

The Bicentenary preachers at Chowbent during October have been Revs. J. J. Wright, M. Rowe, Alexander Gordon, C. J. Street, and Rev. W. G. Tarrant.

The Devon Ministers Autumnal Conference was held at Crediton, Sept. 26th when Rev. D. B. Fraser read a paper on "Sane Socialisation and Religion."

The Gainsborough Unitarians are arranging for the erection of a new chapel.

Harvest Festivals in many Unitarian Churches are reported.

The Manchester District Association of Churches held its Autumn Meeting at Pendleton, Oct. 8th.

The Manchester and District Branches of the Women's League had their Autumn Meetings at our Bethlehem Church, Newchurch, Oct. 1st.

A legacy of £200 has been left to Pepperhill Chapel, by the late Miss Elizabeth Wadsworth, of Halifax.

Rev. Dr. Stanley Mellor, of Liverpool, has addressed a letter to the Liverpool and District Federation of Free Church Councils applying for the admission of Unitarians and making it a test case.

Rev. J. Vint Laughland, of Liverpool, has been adopted as parliamentary Labour candidate for the Wavertree Division. He was unfortunately injured by the police in the recent unemployed demonstration at the Liverpool Art Gallery.

The South Eastern Provincial Assembly held its Annual Meeting at Horsham, Sept. 29, synchronising with the Bicentenary of the Horsham Chapel. It was announced that Rev. A. H. Dolphin has resigned his post as minister of the Assembly.

Rev. W. M. Long, of Loughborough, is the new secretary of the North Midland Association of Unitarian Churches.

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Unitarian Association was held at Newport, I. W., on Sept. 28th, when amongst other things congratulations were expressed on the great revival of interest at the Newport Chapel, and also for the remarkable success of the Rev. G. W. Thompson's open-air meetings at Portsmouth.

Mr. Councillor T. Greenwood, of Dukinfield Old Chapel, is to be the next Mayor of Ashton-u-Lyne.

GOOD WISHES.

IF any little word of mine
May make a life the brighter;
If any little song of mine
May make a heart the lighter;
God help me speak the little word,
And take my bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale,
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter;
If any little care of mine
May make a friend's the fleeter;
If any lift of mine may ease
The burden of another,
God give me love, and care, and strength
To help my toiling brother.

Anon.

The Unitarian Women's League.

By Mrs. BERNARD ALLEN.

THE League is already busy with plans for work during the autumn and winter. A good many meetings have already been held in different parts of the country. In September Miss G. Mitchell visited Cardiff where she spoke at a neighbourhood meeting. There were 50—60 women present from Aberdare, Cardiff, Pentre and Pontypridd branches—Miss Mitchell went on to Swansea where the Rev. Arthur Hurn arranged a small meeting for her.

Mrs. Blake Odgers has just returned from a very successful and most enjoyable tour among our Northern branches. She visited Liverpool, Leeds, Newchurch and Todmorden and had very interesting meetings at all these places.

On November 7, there is to be a meeting at Bristol, at which Mrs. Bernard Allen, Miss Helen Herford and Miss Bronwin Davies will speak, with Miss Mary Worsley in the chair. It is hoped a meeting will be arranged at Bath. On November 8th, Mrs. Bernard Allen and Miss Herford will meet the S.E. Wales District League at a meeting at Pontypridd.

The Autumnal Opening Meeting in London is on October 20 at Dr. Williams' Library. There is a conference in the afternoon at which Miss Johnstone from Manchester will speak, and after tea, Mrs. Harold Pearson conducts a devotional service.

The Rev. Rosalind Lee is now in New Zealand visiting our churches there. She writes from S.S. "Marama" on her way from California on the 7th of August:—" We have had a wonderful voyage so far—quite exceptionally cool for the tropics.—Judging by the class of person on this boat, if they are typical of New Zealand, we need not expect much interest in Unitarianism.—We are considered quite beyond the pale because we do not appreciate the foolery that counts for fun here! We will certainly do what we can for fellowship in New Zealand and suggest a District League. We are using the greeting sent through us by the League everywhere. I think the wording excellent." Miss Lee and Miss Hilda Hargrove have visited Alliance branches in the following Canadian towns: — Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. In all these places Miss Lee met and talked with the leading women of the congregations and was greatly impressed with many of them. In some cases the Churches were very isolated and it was uphill work to keep them alive.—Miss Hargrove spoke to them specially of the Fellowship and Friendly Links side of our work and it was obvious that more Friendly Links were needed and would be of great use. Everywhere they found a great desire for closer touch with England and a deep interest in all our doings. There was a great dearth of our Unitarian literature and especially of Sunday school books. It is hoped something may be done about this need.

This visit of Miss Lee and Miss Hargrove has been of great value in drawing the bonds of interest and affection closer between ourselves and the women of our faith in the Dominion of Canada.

Rose Allen.

The Liverpool District Missionary Association has issued a circular letter to its affiliated churches urging support for a scheme for closer co-operation and fellowship.

The late Mr. J. O. Kerfoot left £50 to the Unitarian Home Missionary College, £100 war loan and £5 a year for five years to the Dukinfield Old Chapel, £100 to the British and Foreign Unitarian Association and legacies to other public institutions.

The Autumnal Meetings of the British and Foreign Unitarian and other kindred Associations, to be held at Bristol, Nov. 5—7, will be full of interest, as the programme cleary indicates.

The Annual Meetings of the Northumberland and Durham Unitarian Christian Association were held at Newcastle, Oct. 10th, preceded by Sunday Services with Rev. C. J. Street, M.A., Ll.B., as preacher. Rev. H. Barnes read a paper on "The Coming Faith," the public meeting was also addressed by Revs Alfred Hall, C. J. Street, and the President of the B. and F.U.A., Mr. C. Sydney Jones, M.A.

Dr. R. F. RATTRAY, M.A.

THE Unitarian denomination was somewhat startled a few months ago by the announcement that the Rev. R. F. Rattray, M.A., Ph. D., minister of our Great Meeting Chapel, Leicester, had accepted appointment as first Acting Principal of the newly founded Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland University College. On May 12th last a special meeting of the Great Meeting members was held to receive and consider his notice of the resignation of his position as their minister, which was accepted with sincere regret and appreciation of his high qualities and devoted work for the congregation. The resolution congratulated him on his appointment and rejoiced that his scholarly attainments had been so fully recognised by the public of Leicester, and expressed confidence as to his career in his new position. On Sunday August 28 Dr. Rattray concluded his ministry and on August 31st at a large and representative gathering he and Mrs. Rattray were presented with farewell gifts amid expressions of good wishes for their health and for success in the new sphere of activity. It was remarked that this change in Dr. Rattray's position would not sever him nor his wife from the Great Meeting but that their association with it would continue. Though unfortunately Dr. Rattray's resignation is no small loss to the Unitarian Ministry it will be a greater gain in the wider field of higher education and public service.

Dr. Rattray, for a young man, has already had a remarkable career. He was educated at Glasgow University, 1904—8; Manchester College, Oxford, 1908—11; Kiel, 1911—12; Marburg 1912; Harvard, U.S.A., 1913—14: was Arlosh scholar, 1910—11 · Hibbert scholar, 1911—13; took M.A. degree, Glasgow, 1908; Ph.D., Harvard, 1913. His nine years at these five universities were marked with brilliant success. He has been in the ministry only eight years, was Assistant Minister, Ullet Road, Church, Liverpool, 1913—15, Minister of Hindley Chapel, 1915—17, Leicester Great Meeting, 1917—21.

While at Liverpool and Hindley he actively engaged in educational work as Lecturer for the Liverpool University and we believe also for the Workers' Educational Association. His interest and efforts in the same direction have been conspicuous in the public life of Leicester City since he took up residence there. "The Leicester Daily Mercury" says of him: "It is no empty adulation but sober fact to say that no more scholarly man ever took part in any department of our civic life . . . . . Dr. Rattray, with becoming reticence and dignity, has proved his ability to communicate his knowledge to others. There is no more popular lecturer or teacher at the Workers' Educational Association. The members who have come under his influence have found him a courageous as well as a sympathetic and an independent thinker"

His appointment as first Principal of the new University College has given general satisfaction —in Leicester, and the Great Meeting people are proud of the honour done to their late minister. The origin ofthe University College is largely due to Unitarians. Though the first suggestion of it occurred in a Presidential address to the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society by Dr. Ashley Clarke, about twelve years ago, the idea did not crystalise until quite recently. Two and a half years ago a citizen left in his will £5000 towards this object on condition that it was accepted by a responsible committee within so many months. Mr. Fielding Johnson, a prominent member of the Great Meeting congregation, and one of the founders of the Free Christian Church now located on the Narborough Road, had for some years had his eye on the magnificent site occupied by the building which was formerly the County Asylum and, more recently during the war—a military hospital. It stands upon high ground outside the city adjoining the Western end of the Victoria Park. Immediately after the armistice Mr. Johnson purchased the 36 acres and gave about twelve acres with the buildings thereon for a University College. A meeting was called at the Town Hall and a Committee elected to take the necessary steps to carry out his wish; and in addition to his gift £104,000 has been given, promised, and bequeathed. A valuable library of 5,000 volumes has been presented by various donors.

It is only fair to say that Unitarians have concontributed to the College, in proportion to all other bodies of people to a degree which might almost be described as eclipse. Mr. Fielding Johnson apart, not only in service are Unitarians conspicuous, but among the more prominent gifts are the library of the late Rev. C. C. Coe from his family; a suite of Gimson furniture from the Gimson family: the library of the late Mr. Fielding Johnson from his daughter Mrs. Bruce; a bequest of £200 from the late Miss Else.

That the new college may ultimately develop into a recognised University is no doubt an idea in the minds of its promotors. In this, the City of Leicester—one of the most ancient in the land, where Parliament at one time held its meetings, —will be following Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Sheffield and Nottingham, where Unitarians were pioneers and leaders in the promotion of university development. We heartily congratulate Dr. Rattray on his great opportunity and wish him every possible success.

For the excellent portrait on the front page the Editor is indebted to the courtesy of the proprietors of "The Leicester Daily Mercury."

What's Wrong with the Churches.

THIS subject was introduced in our last issue. It needs to be followed up. There is less wrong with Unitarian Churches theologically than with those of orthodox bodies, and it may be that there is not so much amiss with them socially as with others. But it would ill become us to boast that we are not as others are, for we are quite conscious of the fact that the Unitarian Church is far from being what it might be.

Yet the point that needs to be emphasised is this: righteousness like charity should begin at home,—inside the church, before we zealously endeavour to draw new people in. Not that there is less righteousness in the Unitarian than in other churches,—by no means is that so, but much more is needed. It is good to convert those who are outside and by reasonable persuasion and friendly attraction to "compel them to come in." It is far better first to turn our missionary efforts upon ourselves and convert our own people to greater unity, more cordial co-operation, more thorough belief in our gospel, and more self-sacrificing devotion to our Sunday services. It is no secret that the people who profess to be connected with our churches directly and less directly would more than fill them if they attended them regularly. Our propaganda should first be to our own people. Our missionary effort should begin with them. If it succeeded with them the effect would re-act on outsiders who, touched by the living fire of our people, would then more and more seek the Church which now they ignore.

Do our people know and understand what the Unitarian Faith is? If it has to be admitted that many of them do not, that they could not explain it if asked, then it is evident that we have a missionary duty to them. Do our young people grow up without having clear ideas concerning our Unitarian doctrines? If it is confessed that they do, and that in consequence they ultimately slip away from us altogether through lack of interest and understanding, it is evident that we have not done our duty to them. Is there not much room for propaganda effort within our own borders? If we more thoroughly applied our righteousness to these real needs we should be making missionaries all the time, for if all our people became earnest believers they would the more zealously wish to share their beliefs with others outside our borders.

Within our Unitarian denomination there is a society of ministers which calls itself "The Unitarian Movement for Applied Christianity:" at present it is in a state of suspended animation. For some considerable time it has held no meetings and done nothing. It began its existence in a somewhat revolutionary frame of mind led by one or two aggressive spirits, and has since been inactive apparently not knowing what to do. We respectfully suggest that there is much that is waiting to be done—INSIDE, and that until that is attended to it is just as well to trouble less about a new social order outside. Why not unite more earnestly for the application of Christianity inside every Church circle? Apply it to the conduct of church members towards each other, to problems of fellowship, of friendly interest in each other's welfare, in each other's lot, circumstances, joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. Is there not room here for zealous and active promotion of applied Christianity? Is it not absolutely necessary to do this before a church can really become the kingdom of God? That is what it ought to be. The working leaven of the divine spirit and power permeating the whole mass of society. Yes, once more we ask: What's wrong with Churches.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES: Rev. E. W. Hill, B.A., has been inducted to the ministry of the Huddersfield Unitarian Church; Rev. E. A. Smith, B.Sc., of Dean Row and Styal has accepted appointment to Platt Chapel, Manchester; Rev. A. M. Bell, M.A., has been ordained as minister at Ballyclare, Co. Antrim; Rev. J. Hipperson has been publicly welcomed into his ministry of the Blackburn Unitarian Church; Mr. Will Hayes has been appointed minister of the Chatham Unitarian Church; Rev. A. H. Biggs was formally welcomed at Highgate; Rev. Dr. Gow has resigned his ministry at Hampstead to become Warden of Manchester College, Oxford; Rev. D. W. Robson has had farewell presentation at Oldham on his removal to Chesterfield; Rev. G. S. Woods has had farewell and presentations at Taunton on his removal to York: Rev. W. W. C. Pope is invited to become minister at Poole; Rev. P. C. Whiteman, B.A., has been inducted to the ministry of Cairo Street Chapel, Warrington; Rev. R. V. Holt, B.A., B. Litt., has had public farewell and presentations at Edinburgh, also the Rev. E. Lockett at Hastings; Rev. R. V. Holt has been inducted into the ministry of the Banbury Unitarian Church; Rev. G. W. H. Troup has left the Warwich Church for Manchester College, Oxford, and a lady minister, Mrs. Constable formerly of Sheffield, has been appointed in his place.

DEATHS: Miss Emily Cooke, Ditchling, Sept. 16th, 69; Mr. George H. Leigh, Worsley, Manchester, Sept. 20th, 70; Mr. John McIntyre, Aberdeen; Mrs. Arthur Holt, Newchurch, Manchester; Mr. E. A. Wurtzburg, of London, at Singapore, Sept. 27th; Mr. E. B. Broadrick, of Dukinfield, at Shanghai, Sept. 5th; Mr. Arnold Daniel, Dukinfield; Mary S. Waterall, Croydon, Oct. 6th, 87.

For the Children.

By Rev. H. FISHER SHORT.

A NEVER NEVER ADVENTURE.

In the never, never country is the quaintest little shop,
And ev'rybody passing by, by it, is forced to stop;
For, the articles it offers, you could never understand,
Except within the borders of the never, never land.

"Whoever would have thought it?" murmured Bertie Bradshaw as he walked up a little street. Often had he wondered about the never never land, and here he was in it. And now he understood its funny name; for all around him were things he had never, never seen anything like. The very street was comical and kept changing colour. And the houses! Some were like grotesque faces; others resembled strange animals; while, here and there, were houses like nothing he had ever known. The oddest thing of all was a little shop. Plainly, it was a magic shop and was kept by a venerable magician. Elbowing his way through the crowd, Bertie reached the magic window where curious objects were displayed. It was a breath-taking sight. Only one article appeared to be on view, but by some magic means it changed into something different about every other minute. Bertie was fascinated. Suddenly, from nowhere at all, there appeared a luminous message which ran, "Bertie Bradshaw, come inside." Eagerly, Bertie obeyed or, rather, that was his intention; but weird things happened in the never never land. No sooner did he put his foot on the step than he found himself floating through pale pink curtains into the stately presence of the old wizard.

The little shop was crammed with the most unheard of things, and Bertie gazed at the curious collection with big eyes and parted lips. "Puzzled, eh?" smiled the magician kindly. "Yes, sir," Bertie whispered. "No wonder; there's nothing like these where you come from." "No, sir," assented Bertie. Picking up an article, the magician said, "This, for instance, is an alethiograph."

"What's it for?" Bertie enquired.

"It is a speech tester. When a child tells an untruth that disc in the middle turns black; when he speaks the truth it turns white." "And what's this?" said Bertie, pointing to another queerly constructed instrument. "Oh, that's an amanome." "What a funny name!" "Not at all. That tests your love. When a boy tells Mother he loves her, and really does so, the liquid in the tube is as clear as crystal; but when it is only cupboard love, the fluid becomes clouded."

Bertie was furiously interested as the magician explained many wonderful things and their uses. At last, the wizard picked up what looked like a frame without a picture. "This," he said, "I will give you; it is a psychoscope." "Oh, thank you!" said Bertie warmly; "but what does it do?" "Well, it is really a mirror; though it doesn't look like one. It is magic, of course; for instead of reflecting how you appear it reveals what you are." "Thank you sir," said Bertie, this time rather doubtfully. As he handed over the gift, the magician added with smiling kindliness, "Another thing: you can use it only when you are alone." For some reason, Bertie was relieved and, expressing warmer thanks, he bore away his present. The psychoscope was indeed magic as he soon discovered in a secluded corner of the never never land.

Bertie wasn't a really naughty boy; but he was a boy for all that, which is saying a lot. He was a dawdler, and a messer, and a forgetter, and, at times, rather selfish. And as he looked into the magic mirror all this was revealed to him. Occasionally, he had had a vague idea that there might be something in Mother's 'lectures' about his faults; but, until now, he had not taken her words seriously. But as the mirror reflected his rapid thoughts and feelings and memories, it was like an accusing finger. And, what was, at first, exciting and interesting, began rather to frighten him. Surely, that was'nt himself—that troublesome, irritating, disappointing boy! And, yet, the more he thought, the more mercilessly the mirror made clear his character. Hot with shame and humiliation, he resolved to make good. Still the torment went on. Oh, if only it would stop! But there was more yet. "Poor Mother!" he thought, as it flashed upon him how he must have worried her. Answering his thought, the mirror snowed him his Mother's sadness and loving patience.

"Mother, forgive me!" he moaned and stretched out his arms towards her.

His doing so, dislodged a book he had been reading and, as it fell from the bed, the thud roused him from sleep.

Of his adventure in the never never land Bertie never breathed a word; but his mother rejoiced in a magical change in him. And to-day, it would be hard to find a smarter, more reliable, more considerate, jollier boy than Bertie Bradshaw.

The Unitarian Home Missionary College, Manchester entered upon its new session with an address from Dr. McLacklan, the new Principal, on "Our Aims and Ideals," Tuesday, October 4th. Eleven new members have been enrolled at the Wakefield Unitarian Chapel.

Unitarian Ideas.

By the Rev. William C. Hall, M.A.

II.—HEAVEN IS HERE.

A hymn beginning with the words of our title seems to have slipped out of most of our hymn-books. That is a pity: for this hymn is a good one, emphasizing one side of the Unitarian belief in heaven. It is a hymn that is well worth a place in our worship for a very simple reason. In our aspirations towards heaven we always tend to think of it as "there," and anything that helps us not to forget that it is also "here" is good.

Most of us will confess that we have experienced heaven here. We have felt the blessedness of great goodness done unto us, and in our own labours we have realised blessing, and we have said: What more can heaven be than the continuance of this joy of life that we have already received or wrought? Heaven is of the soul; and a man may know it here and now. What life is made in our souls by others or by ourselves: that is heaven or hell.

If we believe in the resurrection of the body, we shall think of heaven and hell as places to which the body goes after death. But if we believe in the continuance of the soul, apart from the body, we shall think of them not as places but as states of life; and we shall believe that the only state God can will for us is heavenly. He wills that state for us now. We have not to wait for death before we can get into it and enjoy it.

It is because we have been in heaven that we desire it. Let any man honestly think of what he wants in heaven. He will find that it is what he has already had; someone he has loved and lost, something he once touched upon that has supped away; or something he has touched upon and would pursue to attainment and possession. Our greatest aspirations (or breathings-forward) breathe back to our old life. Somewhere in a past happiness will be found all the dream of future blessedness,—even by him who has seen little of the good of this world. Heaven as the gift of God is not a compensation for the evil and pain of our mortal life; it is His enlargement of the good that every soul has already tasted.

National Unitarian Temperance Association.

Temperance Lecturing.

In connection with the Temperance Association's Forward Movement, the lecturer, Rev. H. Bodell Smith, gave addresses to Bands of Hope at Blackfriars, Islington and Stepney, during the week ended Oct. 8th; he also, by kind permission of Miss Haigh, spoke to some fifty girls of Channing House school. On Saturday the Association gave a tea and entertainment to the London Bands of Hope and Mr. Smith told stories, illustrated with lantern slides. Children from Islington and Newington Green recited, sang an action song and acted in a little play, in a very creditable way and the items were greatly enjoyed. Over 100 officers and children were present and a most pleasant evening was spent.

In the week Oct. 16—22, Mr. Smith lectured in Birmingham and District.

Temperance Sunday.

The following circular has been issued by the Association:—

We beg to draw your attention to the fact that this year Temperance Sunday is to be observed in the churches of all denominations in the United Kingdom and elswhere on October 30th, as already announced in our papers. It is in our opinion very desirable that Unitarian churches should seize the opportunity of co-operating in this work.

No greater obstacle to progress exists than intemperance. During the latter days of the war the Prime Minister asserted that it was a more powerful enemy than Germany or Austria; and it is many years since it was confessed, even by the representatives of the liquor traffic on a Royal Commission of enquiry, to be "a gigantic evil, to remove which scarcely any sacrifice would be too great."

The experiment of Prohibition which is being tried, not without salutary results, in the United States, is being commended by the American Unitarian Association to the support of our brethren over there. While expressing no opinion as to the policy, we commend to your notice the zeal of American Unitarians in the cause of Temperance and earnestly desire that a like zeal of Unitarians in the cause of Temperance may animate our own churches.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be as to the best remedy for intemperance there can hardly be two opinions that it is a fearful menace to the life of the nation and especially to the young life, and that reform is all the more dicult because of the powerful vested interest in the liquor trade.

We therefore respectfully but very earnestly appeal for the hearty co-operation of the moral and religious leaders of our denomination; ministers, church committees, Sunday school superintendents and teachers. We desire that the facts should be made known to our congregations and that the young people in our schools should be instructed in the dangers of alcohol.

We shall be glad to supply free of charge leaflets for distribution or information useful in the preparation of addresses.

Yours faithfully,

THE COMMITTEE,

E. F. Cowlin, Hon. Sec.

October, 1921.

Trafalgar Street Unitarian Church, Burnley

GRAND JUBILEE BAZAAR

Saturday & Tuesday, Nov. 26 & 29.

APPEAL FOR HELP.

This Bazaar, the last of our JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, has been postponed from March owing to cotton trade depression. The Bazaar has been promoted to clear off a debt of £500 incurred by Painting, Renovating, and Repairs to Church and School.

The amount required is beyond our unaided efforts to raise. We, therefore, appeal for the generous help of your readers. If you cannot send money send goods. It is our ambition to finish this year clear of debt. Please help us to attain our object.

The British and Foreign Unitarian Association have promised us the last £30 as an evidence of goodwill.

Donations, either of money or goods, will be welcomed and acknowledged by

Rev. FRANK COLEMAN, Bazaar Secretary,
105, Rose Hill Road, Burnley.
Mr. J. T. BIBBY, Treasurer,
Scott Park Road, Burnley.

The Bazaar will be OPENED on SATURDAY, NOV. 26th, by

C. SYDNEY JONES, Esq.,
President of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association.
Chairman: J. T. BIBBY, Esq., of Brighton.

On TUESDAY, NOV. 29th, by DAVID HEALEY, Esq., President of the North and East Lancashire Mission.
Chairman: T. PARKER, Esq., of Bury.

British and Foreign Unitarian Association.

Autumnal Meetings

— AT —

Lewin's Mead, Bristol, November 5, 6 and 7.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th.

7—7-30 p.m. Short Religious Service, conducted by Rev. Dr. Tudor Jones.

7-45 p.m. Social Gathering to welcome Delegates and Representatives.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.

Lewin's Mead 11-0 a.m. Rev. S. H. Mellone, M.A., D.Sc.
6-30 p.m. Rev. Simon Jones, B.A.
Clifton (Oakfield Rd.) 11-0 a.m. Rev. Simon Jones, B.A.
6-30 p.m. Rev. S. H. Mellone, M.A., D.Sc.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.

10 a.m. Brief Devotional Service. 10-30 a.m. Conference on the subject of "Practical Ways of Increasing the Religious Influence of Our Churches." 1-0 p.m. Luncheon in the Lewin's Mead Memorial Hall. Tickets 2s. 6d. 3-0 p.m. Meeting of Council of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association. 5-30 p.m. Tea. Tickets 1s. 7-30 p.m. Public Meeting. Sir John Brunner, Bart., will take the Chair. Speakers: Mr. C. Sydney Jones, Rev. J. H. Weatherall, Rev. J. Cyril Flower.

National Unitarian Temperance Association.

FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Some of our members having promised £75 towards a Forward Movement, and Rev. H. Bodell Smith having agreed to act as our agent and lecturer, we were able in October last to make another special effort to interest Unitarians generally in Temperance propaganda, and also to further the work in progress.

Mr. Smith worked in the North and the Midlands last winter; he has begun this winter's operations in London, and has addressed several Bands of Hope, etc., and given a lantern lecture at an aggregate meeting of our London juvenile temperance societies at Essex Hall on Oct. 8th, when officers and children were entertained by the Association.

SO FAR AS IS KNOWN, VERY LITTLE, IF ANYTHING, IS BEING DONE IN THE MAJORITY OF OUR CHURCHES TO HELP FORWARD THE SOLUTION OF ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS OF THE DAY. It seems evident that its vast importance has not been fully realised, and we believe that if Unitarians could be induced to study the question more fully they would be at least as keen as others to find a remedy. We pray "Thy kingdom come"; let us do more to hasten its coming.

We suggest that the matter should be regarded, not as a "Drink" or "Temperance" question, but as a great social problem, lying at the base of other problems which cannot be settled until it is out of the way.

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